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In re Application of
Clegg et al.
Application No. 10/681,168
Filed: October 9, 2003
Attorney Docket No. IVf05US

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DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 5, 2006, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. See 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is dismissed as MOOT.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application became the subject of a counterpart application filed in an eighteen-month country on December 31, 2003. However, a review of the file record discloses that a nonpublication request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) was never filed in the instant application. Accordingly, the application is not in fact abandoned for failure to timely notify the USPTO of the filing of an application in a foreign country. A Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) is not necessary and is dismissed as moot.

However, the instant application is abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action mailed April 13, 2005. Petitioner should submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). The petition fee of \$750.00 submitted with the instant petition will be held to be applied towards a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). If petitioner does not wish to file said petition, a request for refund of the petition fee can be submitted.

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
IV05US

First named inventor: Mary L. Clegg

Application No.: 10/681,168

Filed: 10/09/2003

Title: Dental Adhesive Strip

Art Unit: 3732

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus an extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)) *2 previously submitted*

2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Amendment (Identify type of reply):

☒ has been filed previously on 5/5/2006
☐ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____

☐ has been paid previously on _____
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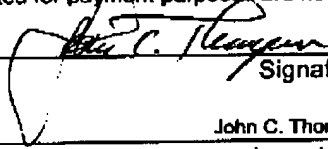
3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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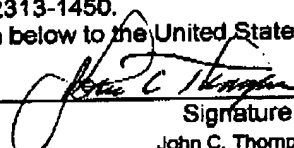
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